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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

Deputy Director for Intelligence Deputy Director for Operations

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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FROM:

Executive Director

SUBJECT:

CIA Investment Priorities (C)

- 1. When we met on 6 May to review the Comptroller's preliminary recommendations on the 1989 program, I indicated that we needed to identify and agree upon a limited number of areas for particular emphasis in allocating new resources over the next three to five years. I also think that we must settle on some specific program activities within each of these priority areas. (S)
- 2. Overall, I think that we should concentrate on investing <u>new</u> resources in several critical areas that bear directly on CIA's unique capabilities. At this stage of my thinking, I would argue for the need to concentrate our new resources in six areas, each with identified program activities. In priority order, I believe that we should try to:
 - -- Improve security for our people and operations.
 - -- Develop and implement a comprehensive counterterrorism program to reflect a serious Agency commitment toward solving this problem.
 - -- Provide communications and ADP systems able to meet priority processing requirements on a sustained basis.
 - -- Provide adequate facilities to house our workforce and equipment.
 - -- Invest in critical new technologies needed for the future operational and collection environment, particularly those that enhance our capabilities against mobile missiles, chemical or other special weapons, and other issues related to arms control monitoring.
 - -- Enhance our ability to disseminate our product and interact with customers in the policymaking community.

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3. Although the list emphasizes particular areas for new investment, we must also ensure that the basic capabilities rebuilt in recent years will not deteriorate. Specifically, we must make a determined effort to preserve our capabilities in human source collection, covert action infrastructure, and all-source analysis. We must also be prepared to deal with presently unforeseen items that will arise in the future. That said, it is clear that we must focus on a limited agenda of new things that are to be done in the resource constrained environment that we are entering. (C)

4. I have asked	i the Comptroller to present to al	ll of us at our
	ng a program which will both suppo	
in each of these area	as and show us the impact of a dec	cision to sustain these
	e of our program. We have separat	
	her presentations on these topics	
My intention is	s that these presentations and our	r discussion will provide
the core of a resource	ce strategy that will guide us for	r the next three to five
years. (C)		

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